

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 493 – HB 422

March 11, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires each health-related and professional board, either under the Department of Health or the Department of Commerce and Insurance, to establish procedures to expedite the issuance of licenses for any member of the armed forces of the United States, who carries a license in another state to perform substantially the same professional service, and who applies for a license within 180 days of either retiring from the armed forces, being honorably discharged from the armed forces, or being released from active duty into a reserve component of the armed forces.

Requires the commissioners of both the Department of Health and the Department of Commerce and Insurance to accept any military education, training, or experience towards the qualifications required by a license or certification if such military education, training, or experience is judged to be substantially equivalent to the standards of this state.

If a member of the armed forces, having been awarded such a license or certification in this state and is activated for duty, such license or certification shall be continued or renewed until six months after the licensee's release from such active duty. States that no such member of the national guard or armed forces will be required to pay a licensure fee.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (003753, 003417): Adds the Emergency Medical Services Board to the health-related and professional boards applicable under this act. Allows any member of the National Guard or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States to be eligible to have any license renewed, should such member's license expire during a period of activation.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

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- According to the Department of Health and Department of Commerce and Insurance, any rule-making required of this legislation would be handled during regularly-scheduled meetings and within existing resources.
- The number of licenses that will be issued as a result of the proposed legislation is unknown; however, no fee will be charged to any licensee who becomes eligible from the provisions of this bill. It is assumed that any increase in expenditures to administer additional licensure that cannot be accommodated within existing departmental resources will be covered through a subsequent increase in licensure fees for licensees not covered by either Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 68-1-101(d) or 4-3-1304(f).
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health related and regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Division of Health Related Boards had a cumulative balance of \$844,197.81 for FY10-11 and \$929,406.74 for FY11-12. The Division of Regulatory Boards had a cumulative reserve balance of \$10,335,396.90 for FY10-11 and \$14,350,841.75 for FY11-12.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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